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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Objection is made to claims 1-19 for the following informalities:

In claim 1, at line 7, "absorption" should be changed to -- adsorption --.

In claim 7, at line 4, "Mordenite" should be changed to -- mordenite --.

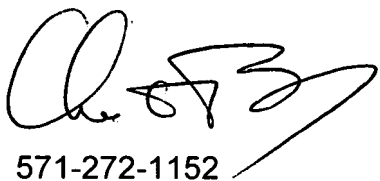
In claim 10, at line 3, "Arsenic" should be replaced by -- arsenic --;

At line 4, "Chromium, Antimonium, Selenium, Mercury, Cadmium" should be replaced by -- chromium, antimony, selenium, mercury, cadmium --.; and At line 5, "Cobalt, Nickel, Lead, Manganese and Copper" should be replaced by --cobalt, nickel, lead, manganese and copper --. In claim 18, at line 4, "Mordenite" should be changed to -- mordenite --.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC Sec 102(b) as clearly anticipated by WO 03 / 002461.

The following is an examiner's statement of indication of allowable subject matter. The prior art fails to teach or suggest a process for the treatment of water consisting of but a single step: The circulation of the water through a system comprising the elements recited at claim 1 after line 3.

USP 6200483 is cited of interest for disclosure of using ZSM-5 to remove heavy metals from water.



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